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PROMOTION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE HINDI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the responsibility of the Government to promote and propagate usage of official language Hindi;

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry in this regard so far;

(c) the details of official works being carried out in English only in the three wings of the defence during the last three years and the efforts made so far to do the same in the official language Hindi;

(d) the number of official language implementation committee constituted in his Ministry at all level and the number of committee in which the Members of Parliamentary Hindi Advisory Committee have been nominated; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Ministry of Defence, the following measures are being taken to promote the progressive use of Hindi in the official work:-

(i) All documents falling under Section 3(3) of the Official Languages Act are issued in both the languages i.e. Hindi and English.

(ii) All communications received in Hindi are replied to in Hindi.

(iii) Hindi workshops are being organised from time to time.

(iv) Facility to work in Hindi on electronic equipments/computers has been provided.

(v) All the incentive schemes introduced by the Department of Official Language forpromoting maximum work in Hindi are being implemented.

(vi) All publications/brochures/invitation cards relating to the Republic Day ceremony/Independence Day ceremony are brought out in Hindi also.

(vii) A biannual cash award scheme for writing original books on defence subjects in Hindi/translation of standard books in Hindi is being implemented.

(viii) Quarterly Progress Reports of the Departments of the Ministry are reviewed in themeetings of both the Official Language Implementation Committees.

(ix) Prime Minister`s orders for promoting use of Hindi in official work have been circulated to all the senior officers for compliance.

(c) All possible steps are being taken to use maximum Hindi in the official work of the Ministry. No subject has been specified separately for being dealt with in English only.

(d) There are two Official Language Implementation Committees functioning in the Ministry of Defence - one for Department of Defence and Department of Defence Research & Development and the other for Department of Defence Production & SuppliesNo member of the Parliamentary Hindi Advisory Committee (perhaps the Hon`ble member intends to refer to Parliamentary Committee on Official Language as there is no Committee of the name of Parliamentary Hindi Advisory Committee) has been nominated on any of these Committees.

(e) No specific instructions from the Department of Official Language have been received for nominating members of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language on the departmental Official Language Implementation Committees.